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SUBJ: MRS. RICHARD NIXON'S PLANNED VISIT TO FINLAND REPORTEDLY
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

REF : HELSINKI 1036, APRIL 17, 1973.

BEGIN SUMMARY. QUOTING AP SOURCES, LOCAL PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 2 THAT WHITE HOUSE SOURCES HAD REVEALED THAT MRS. NIXON WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND LEAGUE OF FINNISH-AMERICAN SOCIETIES AMERICA DAYS FESTIVAL, EITHER IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. REQUEST DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON ALLEGED WHITE HOUSE SOURCE AND ACCURACY OF AP STORY. END SUMMARY.

1. QUOTING AP SOURCES, LOCAL PRESS (HUFVUDSTADTBLADET OF AUGUST 2) REPORTED THAT WHITE HOUSE SOURCES HAD REVEALED THAT "THE PROGRAM FOR THE NEAR FUTURE OF THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT THE TRIP." IN ADDITION TO EXPLAINING REASONS FOR INABILITY TO MAKE TRIP, ARTICLE ENDS ON NOTE QUOTING BOTH WHITE HOUSE AND FINNISH EMBASSY "THAT MRS. NIXON HAD NEVER QUITE COMMITTED HERSELF TO MAKE THE VISIT, ALTHOUGH SHE HAD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED AN INTEREST IN MAKING VISIT."

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING INQUIRIES REGARDING ACCURACY OF
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AP STORY. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO DATE THAT WE HAVE NOTED THE AP

STORY BUT HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION. WE ARE NOW
CHECKING STORY WITH WASHINGTON. REQUEST DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON
ALLEGED WHITE HOUSE SOURCES AND ACCURACY OF AP STORY.
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